

## House Resolution No. 2868

**Whereas**, Mary Ellen Laden, an English and creative writing teacher at Jefferson City High School, received the Frank and Margaret Railton Outstanding Teacher Award during the annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet held on May 1, 2003, at Lewis and Clark Middle School in Jefferson City, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Mary Ellen Laden has also enjoyed recognition by being a 2003 Jefferson City Public Schools Teacher of the Year finalist and being named Outstanding Teacher by seniors at Jefferson City High School; and

**Whereas**, a participant in the Language Arts Department Writing Festival, Mary Ellen Laden has supported her profession as a member of the National Council of Teachers of English, the National Education Association, and Delta Kappa Gamma; and

**Whereas**, during her twenty-two-year tenure in the classroom at Jefferson City High School, Mary Ellen Laden has sponsored the school's literary magazine Write On, which has won several awards from the National Council of Teachers of English, the National Scholastic Press Association, the Language Arts Department Writing Fair in Springfield, where her students have received between twenty and thirty ribbons every year since 1990, and the Stephens College Writing contest, where her students placed first in fiction, nonfiction, and original play; and

**Whereas**, a thoughtful, energetic teacher who is loved by her students and co-workers alike, Mary Ellen Laden is an esteemed educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

**Whereas**, Mary Ellen Laden has also made contributions to her community as a member of the United Federation of Dolls Club, which distributes stuffed animals to area emergency rooms:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Mary Ellen Laden upon her well-deserved selection to receive the Frank and Margaret Railton Outstanding Teacher Award and in wishing her continued success in all future endeavors; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mary Ellen Laden, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Mark J. Bruns  
District No. 113

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2868, adopted May 14, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker